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USUN FOR AMB STEVENSON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: XV TGEN PLOS

SUBJ: 2ND ANTARCTIC TREATY PREPCOM

REF: STATE 40169

SUMMARY. ANTARCTIC TREATY PREPCOM ACHIEVED NO CONSENSUS  
ON GUIDELINES FOR DELEGATIONS TO LOS CONFERENCE BUT AGREED  
NOT TO RAISE QUESTION OF ANTARCTIC AT GENEVA AND CONSULT  
IF OTHERS RAISE IT. END SUMMARY.

1. ANTARCTIC TREATY PREPCOM FEB 24-26 CONCLUDED WITH  
NO FORMAL DOCUMENT BUT INFORMAL CONSENSUS 12 TREATY  
PARTIES WOULD NOT RAISE ANTARCTIC AT LOS GENEVA SESSION  
AND WOULD CONSULT AMONG THEMSELVES IF QUESTION RAISED  
BY OTHERS.

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2. CONSIDERABLE DEBATE ON QUESTION OF COMMON GUIDELINES, WHICH WAS AIM OF UK, CHILE, ARGENTINA AND MOST OTHERS, WAS INCONCLUSIVE WHEN WE INDICATED OUR INABILITY TO CONCUR. OUR VIEW WAS SHARED, IN PART, BY NORWAY AND AUSTRALIA. CHILE AND ARGENTINA, SUBMITTING JOINT DRAFT OF GUIDELINES, DIED HARD AND AT END OF MEETING NOTED THAT NEW SITUATION IMPOSED ON ANTARCTIC TREATY BY RESOURCE QUESTION MIGHT REQUIRE REASSESSMENT IN THOSE CNTRIES OF THEIR POSITION ON CONTINUED ADHERENCE TO THAT TREATY. ARGENTINE REP ALSO REMINDED US OF OUR DEPENDENCE ON SUPPORT BASES PROVIDED BY SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE CLAIMANT COUNTRIES, WHOSE POLITICAL AND JURIDICAL RIGHTS IN ANTARCTICA CAN NOT BE WAIVED.

3. CHILE (ZEGERS) SAID IT WOULD NOT RATIFY AN LOS TREATY THAT ENCROACHED ON ITS SOVEREIGNTY IN ANTARCTICA, AND WOULD TRY TO PREVENT SUCH A TREATY FROM EVER SEEING THE LIGHT OF DAY.

4. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION, NORWEGIANS (SOLLIE OF NANSEN FOUNDATION) SAID U.S. NATIONAL EXPLOITATION OPTION WAS COMPLETELY UNREALISTIC, AS U.S. WOULD BE DEPENDENT ON SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE STATES FOR SUPPORT ACTIVITIES, AND FIXED INSTALLATIONS HIGHLY VULNERABLE TO SABOTAGE IN THE NAME OF ENFORCEMENT OF SOVEREIGNTY. IT DID NOT APPEAR TO HIM THAT U.S. HAD REALLY CONSIDERED THE MILITARY AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE NATIONAL OPTION, AND THAT FURTHER DISCUSSION OF IT COULD SPUR ACTION BY THE CLAIMANTS WHICH THE U.S. WOULD IN FACT BE UNPREPARED TO MEET.

5. OPPORTUNITY WAS AFFORDED IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DISCUSSION TO PRESENT U.S. VIEWS SET FORTH IN GUIDELINES (REFTEL).

6. MEETING ENDED WITH DECISION THAT HOST GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT ISSUE A SUMMARY REPORT. SEVERAL PAPERS CONTAINING NATIONAL VIEWS WERE CIRCULATED.  
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